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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Burton W. Hanson      Examiner: James R. Brittain  
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Title: BI-DIRECTIONAL LOAD SECURING RATCHET METHOD AND APPARATUS

## CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 March 8, 2006.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 8, 2005, said period of response being extended from December 8, 2005 to March 8, 2006.

Our check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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